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From Prague 1275

After receiving information from Kazan's attorney dispatched in Prague's 1273, I asked Ambassador Trhlik for immediate interview. Upon receiving me this morning at 11:30 he said he had good news, namely, that court had acted favorably on motion that Kazan's sentence would be suspended and that he would be immediately deported.

Trhlik said reservations had been made for Kazan under pseudonym Stachovsky on Czech Air Line plane leaving for Paris 9:50 a.m. tomorrow, February 4. Trhlik asked information be held confidential until noon tomorrow Prague time. Same embargo will be observed by Czech news media.

Trhlik stated Embassy could have immediate access to Kazan and that further arrangements which would involve some matters of finance could be worked out with Foreign Ministry Consular Department. There would be no objection to Wenick's being present at Kazan's departure.

Trhlik and I agree but for different reasons that case had been unfortunate but that conclusion was favorable. He expressed hope casually that progress could now be made on financial and economic questions of interest to Czechoslovakia.

Re paragraph above, please telegraph authorization immediately to reach us today for expenditure \$300 on Kazan's behalf for transportation.

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